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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

8 Cristobal Hernandez, Jr.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 Benjamin Parry,

12 Defendant.
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No. CV 11-1945-PCT-JAT

ORDER

14 Pending before the Court are: (1) Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time to
15 Amend (Doc. 44); (2) Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. 48; Doc. 49); (3)
16 Plaintiff's Motion to Stay (Doc. 50; Doc. 51); (4) Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint
17 (Doc. 53); and (5) Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File (Doc. 61). The Court now rules on
18 the Motions.

19 Although there are seven motions pending before the Court, the arguments
20 contained in the Motions generally fall into two categories: (1) the Court erred in its July
21 9, 2012 Order and, thus, should allow Plaintiff to Amend his Complaint to allow Plaintiff
22 to add claims and parties that have already been dismissed in this case and (2) the Court
23 should stay the case. The seven motions currently pending before the Court are
24 duplicative of each other and the arguments contained therein and the relief sought are, at
25 times, contradictory. Although the Court gives pro se litigants special consideration, this
26 is no excuse to clog the Court's docket and cause undue prejudice to Defendants by
27 requiring them to respond to several motions on the same subject matter. Plaintiff is
28 warned that, if he continues to file duplicative motions on any subject matter in this case,

1 the Court will strike such motions without further notice to Plaintiff and without
2 considering the additional arguments contained in the subsequently filed motions.
3 Further, such behavior on Plaintiff's part could eventually lead to sanctions, including
4 dismissal of this case.

5 Plaintiff suggests that his ignorance of the law excuses his inability to follow this
6 Court's rules. This is incorrect. Plaintiff is reminded that he is subject to the same rules
7 and limitations placed on attorneys and that he will not be granted immunity from the
8 rules merely because he is proceeding pro se. *See Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d 639,
9 640–43 (9th Cir. 2002) (holding that the district court did not err in dismissing a pro se
10 plaintiff's habeas corpus petition for failing to comply with a court order); *Ghazali v.*
11 *Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 54 (9th Cir. 1995) (holding that the district court did not err in
12 dismissing a pro se plaintiff's civil rights complaint for failing to comply with a local
13 rule); *United States v. Flewitt*, 874 F.2d 669, 675 (9th Cir. 1989) (stating that pro se
14 litigants are subject to the same good faith limitations imposed on lawyers, as officers of
15 the court); *King v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1986) ("Pro se litigants must
16 follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants."); *Jacobsen v. Filler*, 790
17 F.2d 1362, 1364 (9th Cir. 1986) ("[P]ro se litigants in the ordinary civil case should not
18 be treated more favorably than parties with attorneys of record.").

19 Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, for all future issues that Plaintiff wishes to
20 bring to the Court's attention, Plaintiff is limited to filing one motion on any one issue
21 and is further limited to filing one reply in support of such motion, if such reply is
22 allowed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court's local rules.

23 The Court will now consider Plaintiff's Motions on their merits.

24 **I. Whether the Court Should Reconsider its July 9, 2012 Order**

25 On October 5, 2011, Plaintiff filed a Complaint in this Court. On December 20,
26 2011, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint. The Amended Complaint was eighty-three
27 pages and contained twenty-two Counts as alleged against sixteen Defendants. After
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1 Defendants moved to dismiss, in its July 9, 2012 Order, the Court granted the Motions to
2 Dismiss and dismissed all Counts and all Defendants with the sole exception of part of
3 Count 7, wherein Plaintiff alleged a §1983 claim against Defendant Parry based on an
4 alleged Fourth Amendment violation during a traffic stop. (Doc. 42).

5 Plaintiff objects to the dismissal of Counts 13-16 of his Amended Complaint. The
6 Court dismissed Counts 13 and 15 on statute of limitations grounds and Counts 14 and 16
7 because Plaintiff failed to provide a sufficient factual basis for his claims, and, thus,
8 failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted in those Counts. Plaintiff
9 argues that the Court erred in dismissing these claims because Defendants were on notice
10 of Plaintiff's claims when Plaintiff wrote Terry Goddard a letter on February 19, 2010
11 informing Goddard of his complaints against former Defendant Nelson. Plaintiff argues
12 that the statute of limitations did not begin to run until March 11, 2010. Plaintiff suggests
13 that he did not discover many of the alleged violations of his constitutional rights until he
14 was given "incident reports." Plaintiff argues that the "Continuing Violation Doctrine
15 relieves a plaintiff of a limitations bar if he/she can show a series of related acts to
16 him/her, one or more of which falls within the limitations period." (Doc. 47 at 3; Doc.
17 48; Doc. 49). Further, Plaintiff appears to argue that he did not timely bring his claims
18 because he was attempting to settle this matter within the Maricopa County Superior
19 Court system in a criminal case.¹

20 First, Plaintiff has failed to cite to any legal standard which provides that he is
21 entitled to reconsideration of this Court's Order. Additionally, Plaintiff fails to
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23 ¹ Many of Plaintiff's arguments are prolix and confusing and the relevance of
24 such arguments to the issues presented in Plaintiff's motions is not clear. For instance,
25 Plaintiff states that "An investigation must be initiated to determine why a Maricopa
26 Superior Judge was switched 3 months into the [criminal] proceedings without
27 notification to defendants." (Doc. 44 at 7). It is not clear how this statement relates to
28 the statute of limitations issue or even to the claims in Plaintiff's complaint. Although
this is just one example of the confusing nature of Plaintiff's motions, the Court has made
every effort to understand and reiterate Plaintiff's arguments herein.

1 demonstrate that a “continuing violations doctrine” applies to the facts of this case.
2 Further, Plaintiff’s arguments do not change the Court’s reasoning or conclusion as set
3 forth in the July 9, 2012 Order (Doc. 42), specifically that Plaintiff’s claims are barred by
4 the statute of limitations and/or that Plaintiff failed to state claims upon which relief
5 could be granted in Counts 13-16 of his complaint. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion for
6 Extension of Time to Amend (Doc. 44); Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. 48)
7 and Plaintiff’s Motion for Reconsideration Supplemental (Doc. 49) are denied.

8 **II. Whether Plaintiff Should be Granted Leave to Amend**

9 Plaintiff has requested leave to amend his complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of
10 Civil Procedure 15. Although the Court previously instructed Plaintiff that any Motion to
11 Amend his Complaint should be filed in compliance with LR 15.1, Plaintiff
12 independently determined that he need not follow the local rules. *See* Doc. 53 at 3
13 (where Plaintiff states that following the local rules “would cause the Court too much
14 time and effort” and “will cause some confusion if Plaintiff follows the local rules”). In
15 his proposed Third Amended Complaint, Plaintiff included claims and parties that have
16 previously been dismissed with prejudice by the Court and has failed to identify
17 specifically, through compliance with LR 15.1, what new claims and facts should be
18 added. Based on these procedural errors alone, Plaintiff’s Motion to Amend should be
19 denied. However, in addition to the deficiencies identified above, Defendants argue that
20 allowing Plaintiff to amend would be futile because Plaintiff has again failed to state a
21 claim upon which relief can be granted with the exception of the § 1983 claim against
22 Defendant Parry based on an alleged Fourth Amendment violation during a traffic stop.
23 The Court agrees. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion to Amend Complaint (Doc. 53) is
24 denied.

25 **III. Whether the Court Should Stay this Case**

26 Plaintiff also requests that the Court stay this case so that he can submit a request
27 to the United States Attorney General for an investigation into this matter. Plaintiff fails
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1 to explain what effect such an investigation would have on this case, the reason this case
2 needs to be stayed for such investigation, and fails to cite to any law justifying such a
3 stay. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Request for Stay (Doc. 50) and Request for Stay
4 Supplemental (Doc. 51) are denied.

5 **IV. Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Compact Disk**

6 Plaintiff requests leave to submit a compact disk to the Court containing
7 "evidence," and "motions and various filings" relating to a criminal case in Maricopa
8 County Superior Court. It appears that Plaintiff wants the Court to review such
9 "evidence" in determining whether Plaintiff has stated a claim upon which relief can be
10 granted in his proposed amended complaint. However, absent specific exceptions, the
11 Court will not consider evidence or documents beyond the allegations contained in the
12 proposed amended complaint. *See Hal Roach Studios, Inc. v. Richard Feiner and Co.,*
13 *Inc.*, 896 F.2d 1542, 1550 (9th Cir. 1990) (amended decision). Accordingly, Plaintiff's
14 Motion for Leave to File Compact Disk (Doc. 61) is denied.

15 **V. Conclusion**

16 Based on the foregoing,

17 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time to Amend (Doc.
18 44) is denied.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motions for Reconsideration (Doc.
20 48; Doc. 49) are denied.

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motions to Stay (Doc. 50; Doc. 51)
22 are denied.

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint (Doc.
24 53) is denied.

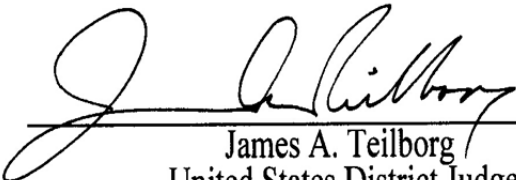
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1 **IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File (Doc. 61)
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3 Dated this 31st day of October, 2012.

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8 James A. Teilborg
9 United States District Judge
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